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1954 the status of the track between Halle and Magdeburg was as follows:

- a. The line from Halle to near Arensdorf was double-tracked, but from km. 67.2 approximately south of Arensdorf up to Koethen, the work had not been completed; the rails and ties were still lying along the former single-track. However, work on laying the rails was proceeding.
- b. The line from Koethen to Schoenebeck/Elbe was single-track, and no rails or ties could be seen.
- c. The line from Schoenebeck/Elbe to Magdeburg was double-tracked.¹ Along this line almost to Magdeburg, a large number of concrete ties was seen. It appeared that the wooden ties were to be removed and exchanged for these concrete ties.
- d. In the vicinity of Koethen and just south of the station, switches and new sidings were being laid, giving the appearance that the freight station was being enlarged.

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